

PROCEDURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE SAMPLES FOR VDOT GREEN TAG PROGRAM

1. The Virginia seed vendor/distributor will contact their out-of-state supplier with a request for official sampling of a lot for potential VDOT use.
2. The out-of-state supplier will have a compliance official from the supplier's state take an official sample of seed to be sent to the VDACS seed testing laboratory.
3. The out-of-state compliance official will affix a control number to the sample and seal the bag to assure chain-of-custody of the sample. The inspector will also fill out the information sheet supplied by VDACS to accompany the sample to the VDACS laboratory.
4. The out-of-state supplier will ship the sample along with the information sheet to the VDACS Laboratory and it will be treated as a service sample with billing to the out-of-state supplier.
5. Upon completion of noxious weed, purity, and germination testing, the report will be forwarded to the out-of-state supplier, the Virginia seed vendor/distributor, and to VDOT officials. The results of this testing will be used for determining compliance with minimum VDOT standards.
6. VDACS retains the authority to issue a "Stop Sale Order" at the Virginia seed Vendor/distributor location based on the results of the submitted sample. The shipment will remain in control of VDACS until completion of testing in case of the need for resampling or relabeling.